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celebration at the Tientsin Soviet Citizens' Club, the secretary of the Tientsin Soviet consulate, V. S. Uss, stated that Soviet Consul General Titov's opinion in regard to the lifting of the Berlin blockade is as follows: "Moscow's main attention is focused on the situation in Asia. The USSR's policy will be to continue to give first consideration to Asia while endeavoring to draw American and British attention to Europe. In reality, the USSR plans to carry out an aggressive political offensive in Asia."

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2. Consul General Titow arranged a key Day celebration party for Soviet and Chinese Communist (CCP) leaders, to which he invited 25 CCP leaders in the Tientsin area. At the party, CCP mayor HUANG Ching (黃 故) gave a speech in which he stated that the goals of the USSR and China are the same: both aim at defeating capitalism throughout the world. Titow, in his response, agreed with this statement and added that all the aggressors throughout the world are under the sole leadership of the United States, and that they will be defeated in the future.

Mayor HUANG Ching visited Soviet Trade Representative Suvorchenkov to advise him of the Ausmintang's intention to bomb the large cities in North China, of which HUANG had just received information from Peiping.** All Soviet citizens in Tientsin were instructed to take precautions against air raids.

Titow received a message from the USSR consulate in Peiping which stated that CCP Commissar and Vice Chairman of the CCP North China People's Government PO I-po (漢一波) had told Soviet Consul Tikhvinsky that the CCP estimated that it would require 100,000 administrative personnel for the take-over of Shanghai.

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See and various press reports dated about 15 May 1949 with regard to Ausmintang bombing of cities in North China and Manchuria.

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